

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

MEETING MINUTES

Announcements - Chair Taylor informed group that Council Member Uhlich would not be attending today's meeting. Tamara Prime, Chief of Staff is in attendance.

Review of October 3, 2012 Legal Action Report - Committee member Freitas commented that the LAR #11 and Current Agenda topic are not listed on November 7th agenda. The CWAC Data Page Function 8 item was removed and should be transferred to future agenda items. Mr. Forrest commented it will be discussed under item 5. No changes to the Legal Action Report were suggested.

Director's Report - Mr. Forrest informed group Diane Garcia will prepare meeting minutes in addition to the LAR effective with this meeting. TW is moving forward to create a CWAC link on their web page. Agenda and supporting materials will be uploaded to view/print.

a. Mayor and Council Items - On November 7, Mayor & Council Study Session, the Annual Conservation Report will be discussed for Mayor & Council direction. On November 7, Mayor & Council Study Session, the Avra Valley Habitat Conservation Plan will be discussed. The approval to submit plan to U.S. Fish and Wildlife will be requested during Regular Consent Agenda.

Also on November 7, Mayor & Council Regular Consent Agenda is the City of Tucson and Pima County IGA Wheeling Agreement approval.

b. Department Updates - Mr. Forrest stated TW is moving forward with the Recycle Master Plan. Committee Member Tonelson asked about hiring. Mr. Forrest responded that currently there are 65 vacancies, TW is making internal promotions and filling positions (25 recruitments currently open). Customer service positions are being filled; doing better than a year ago.

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Subcommittee Reports

a. Technical, Policy, and Planning Subcommittee - Chris Brooks reported no updates since the last meeting. Will send doodle poll for next meeting.

b. Finance Subcommittee - Bruce Billings stated a doodle poll will be sent out for the next meeting.

c. Conservation and Education Subcommittee - Caitlow Shipek stated standing meetings were set for 2nd Wednesday of each month. Next meeting will be November 14, 2012. Evan Canfield mentioned the Conservation Budget was approved with omission of restaurant cards.

d. RWRAC Update - Mark stated an update on biogas and bio solids was provided. Pima County is going forward with biogas contract. Update provided on Sewer Connection Fee Ordinance and 2012/13 budget review.

e. Ad Hoc Subcommittees: Nominations for Officers, Urban Agriculture - Discussion was held to form two Ad Hoc Subcommittees; a Nomination Subcommittee for Officers and an Urban Agriculture Subcommittee. Committee members appointed to the Nomination Subcommittee are Committee Members Freitas and Tonelson. Committee Member Day was appointed as the chair of the subcommittee. Committee members appointed to the Urban Agriculture Subcommittee are Committee Members Wong, Brooks, Shipek, McLain and McCoy. Committee Member Frietas was appointed as the chair of the subcommittee.

Ward 3 Perspectives - (Tamara Prime) - Tamara Prime, Chief of Staff, provided update on the Ward 3 perspectives. CM Uhlich is a strong proponent of water policy. Glad to hear urban agriculture is moving forward. CM Uhlich welcomes CWAC recommendations. Reclaimed water thoughts have not been discussed with CM Uhlich. Recycle Master plan (when final) will be provided/discussed with Council offices. Water Service Policy has not been approved due to litigation and legislature involvement factors impacting timing.

Tucson Water Financial Items

a. Proposed 5-year Capital Improvement Program - Joe Olsen provided handout which described the FY 2014-2018 Capital Budget of \$359.3 million. Joe explained the Major CIP Projects in FY 2012-FY2018 (total project budget 5-year budget and completion date).

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Joe also described the Renewable Potable Water Supply Project Status which includes Expenditures to Date, 5 Year Proposed (excluding CF) and Future Planned Projects costs). Renewable Potable Water Supply Projects in Proposed 5 Year CIP totals were also described. Jeff Biggs informed group the Advanced Oxidation Plant is being constructed to at Irvington/I-10 to remove 1,4-Dioxane.

b. Proposed FY 2013 Operating Budget – Belinda Oden provided update on FY 2014 Requested O & M Budget of \$159.7 million. The FY 2014 Operating Budget Request totals (FY2013 Adopted Budget, FY 2014 Request, and Change) were explained. The Comparison Major O & M Elements (FY2013 Adopted, FY 2014 Request and Change from FY 2013 Adopted) were also described.

Painted Hills / Water Service Area Policy - Draft List of Recommendations, Proposed Refinements to City of Tucson Water Service Area Policy Approved by CWAC on December 7, 2011 was provided to group. Chris Avery stated the refined proposal will be provided to Mayor and Council later this month.

CWAC Rules and Regulations – Discussion was held regarding the proposed changes to the draft CWAC Rules and Regulations. Chris Avery provided legal opinion regarding meeting participation by phone or other electronic means is prohibited. The members voted to accept the proposed CWAC Rules and Regulations dated September 5, 2012, with the exception of Section IV sub item e.

Future Meetings Agenda Items - *Long Range Water Resource Plan, Miscellaneous Fees, Bond Issue Overview, Line Item on Metro Water Bill for RTA Water Main Relocation Costs, Black & Veatch Study, Administration Allocation Cost*

Next Meeting Agenda Items: Economic Need for Data on Conservation and Operation History, Water Checkbook Update, ADD Water Update, Citizens' Water Coalition, Debt Issuance/Bond Issue Overview

Meeting minutes approved by committee on December 5, 2012.